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This is a response to the non-final Office Action (paper no. 21) mailed from the Patent Office on July 3, 2003.